



Welcome to the Manitoba Film & Television Production Guide

This book is designed to help you visualize and plan your next project in Manitoba. Inside you will find detailed information about Manitoba's Tax Credit incentives, an extensive locations photo gallery, filming logistics information and more! Whatever your project demands, Manitoba has the experience, flexibility and world-class talent to make it happen.

This year's production guide is a joint initiative of Manitoba Film & Music and On Screen Manitoba.

Manitoba Film & Music (MFM) exists so our province's film and music industries flourish! MFM implements the film commission incentives, provides locations services, develops and invests in Manitoba productions and co-productions and administers the Manitoba Film & Video Production Tax Credits. Manitoba Film & Music is funded by the Government of Manitoba through the Department of Sport, Culture and Heritage.

On Screen Manitoba (OSM) is an innovative non-profit, membership-driven association that leads, builds and represents Manitoba's screen-based media industry. Their membership consists of individuals and organizations including production companies, labour groups, distributors, broadcasters, suppliers and supporting organizations. On Screen Manitoba is generously supported by the Government of Manitoba and Western Economic Diversification Canada.



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IATSE Local 856 represents talented freelance specialty Artists, Technicians and Crafts workers in the Manitoba Motion Picture industry. Many of our members have been working in the Manitoba film industry for more than fifteen years.



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Filming in Manitoba

Flight Routes and Time Zones



Main Flight Routes to Winnipeg, Manitoba

From	Approx. Travel Time	Airline	Clear Customs In
Vancouver (Direct)	3 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	N/A
Calgary (Direct)	2 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	N/A
Toronto (Direct)	2.5 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	N/A
Montreal (Direct)	2.5 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	N/A
L.A. via Denver	4 hours	United	Winnipeg
L.A. via Minneapolis	5 hours	Delta	Winnipeg
L.A. via Vancouver	5 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	Vancouver
L.A. via Calgary	5 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	Calgary
New York via Toronto	4 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	Toronto
New York via Montreal	4 hours	Air Canada, West Jet	Montreal
Palm Springs (Direct)	4 hours	West Jet	Winnipeg
Phoenix (Direct)	4 hours	West Jet	Winnipeg
London, UK (Direct)	11 hours	West Jet	Winnipeg



Population

36,726,673
Canada

1,318,000
Manitoba

778,489
Winnipeg



Seasonal Information

Manitoba has four distinct seasons.

Summers are warm and sunny, with extended daylight hours and an extremely long magic hour.

Winter days are bright and refreshing and the winter months are perfect for night shoots.

Manitoba's southern and northern regions have distinctly different seasons.

Southern Manitoba

Winnipeg residents enjoy up to 16 hours of sunlight daily during the summer months. The peak season for sunflowers is the second week of July through to the first week of August. The wheat fields turn a golden colour in early August. The wheat fields are harvested mid-August to mid-September. Typically, the leaves begin to change colour by early September, through to mid-October. By the end of October, most of the leaves have fallen off the trees. The first snowfall can vary greatly from year-to-year. Typically, snow begins to fall in November and there is usually snow cover by December. By mid-March, the spring melt starts and snow coverage begins to fluctuate. Lakes are generally not safe to film on after mid-March and the snow is generally gone by the middle of April. The trees begin to bud and turn green between late April and mid-May, depending on the year and region.

Northern Manitoba (Churchill)

The sun's rays are reflected off the snow and ice due to Churchill's latitude, meaning low temperatures all year, but the proximity to Hudson Bay moderates the temperature in summer months. The majority of Churchill's precipitation falls during the summer. Mid-June through August is Beluga whale season. October and November are prime months for viewing polar bears as ice begins to freeze. Snow begins to accumulate. Snow cover is 30-40 cm. Northern Lights are often seen in the clear Northern skies, peaking in March. Snow begins to melt and is completely gone by June. Tundra flowers begin to bud in late spring.

First-Stop Government Contacts for Film Services

Manitoba Film & Music

Manitoba Film & Music (MFM) is the provincial film commission and the first point of contact for production inquiries about location photos, tax credit information, crew and infrastructure, etc. MFM administers the Manitoba Film & Video Production Tax Credit on behalf of the Province of Manitoba and provides location packages and scouting services where possible. For more information on services and tax credits visit mbfilmmusic.ca.

Location inquiries and scripts can be sent to filmcommission@mbfilmmusic.ca.

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Border Services

The following websites provide information on the eligibility and application process to bring foreign workers into Canada for a specific film project. It is not all encompassing and the responsibility remains with the producer to ensure they are aware of all rules, regulations and requirements for foreign hires.

Information on work permits for temporary foreign workers on a specific project:
cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/temp/work/opinion/imp-c14.asp

Website to apply for work permits for temporary foreign workers on a specific project:
cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/employer-portal.asp

Information regarding film producers entering Canada to work on a specific project:
cic.gc.ca/english/resources/tools/temp/work/permit/arts/index.asp



First-Stop Government Contacts for Film Services

City of Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Film & Special Events Office is committed to promoting and facilitating production with budget saving benefits such as: 24-hour office support, the use of city-owned buildings, one-stop shop for all city permits and civic departments, and assistance with scouting city locations.

winnipeg.ca/filmandspecialevents

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Government of Manitoba Liaison

The Film Liaison Manager at the Province of Manitoba facilitates requests and permits to all provincial government departments for filming on provincial properties, parks, hospitals and highways, and coordinates location surveys and agreements with the province. This office is also the first point of contact for requests related to municipalities outside Winnipeg.

gov.mb.ca/finance/events/movies.html

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On Screen Manitoba – Industry Association

On Screen Manitoba, the province's media production industry association, represents over 1,500 media production industry professionals. For a complete list of Manitoba production companies, service providers, labour groups, post-production facilities, distributors, broadcasters, training bodies and exhibitors, visit onscreenmanitoba.com.

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Crew & Cast Contacts

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IATSE 856
iatse856.com
204.953.1100
businessagent@iatse856.com

IATSE 669
ia669.com
778.330.1680
camera@ia669.com

ACTRA Manitoba
www.actramanitoba.ca
204.339.9750
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Equipment, Camera and Post Houses

William F. White Inc.
whites.com
204.774.7903

Frank Digital
frankdigital.ca
1.800.772.0368

MIDCAN
midcan.com
204.772.0368

DACAPO
dacapo.ca
(204) 956-2867

Sound Stage

The Manitoba Production Centre
manitobaproductioncentre.ca
204.957.4311

Two River Studio Manitoba
Studio in Development – Opening 2018
tworiversstudio.ca
647-281-6112
204-792-5332

Urban Prairie Post
urbanprairiepost.ca
204.898.5286

VFX, VR and Animation

Tangent Animation
tangent-animation.ca

Campfire Union
campfireunion.com

Opus Animation
opusvisual.com

Electric Monk Media
electricmonkmedia.com

Project Whitecard
projectwhitecard.com

Hand Craft Creative
handcraftcreative.com

Build Films
buildfilms.ca

ZenFri
zenfri.com



Manitoba Film & Video Production Tax Credit

Canada's most competitive fully refundable labour-based tax credit offers an up-to-65% rebate on eligible Manitoba labour expenditures (45% base credit plus eligible bonuses: 10% Frequent Filming Bonus and/or 5% Manitoba Producer Bonus and/or 5% Rural Bonus).

Benefits of Manitoba Tax Credits

NO Canadian content requirements

NO copyright ownership requirements

NO co-production requirements (You are not obliged to work with a Manitoba company, but you benefit through the 10% Frequent Filming Bonus and 5% Manitoba Producer Bonus.)

NO funding caps per production or per production company (The greater your Manitoba labour expenditures, the greater your tax credit will be.)

NO caps on annual funds available (Manitoba's tax credit is a rebate, not a finite fund, which means you'll never have to wait for a new fiscal year to apply for your rebate.)

NO minimum or maximum budget requirements

NO "first time producer" requirements

Manitoba offers the most competitive tax credits in Canada. These credits apply to eligible projects which include fully financed television movies, documentaries, feature films, dramatic series, variety, multimedia, animation, children's programming, music programming and informational series, as well as digital productions.

Manitoba's tax credits are based on eligible Manitoba labour OR eligible Manitoba production costs (including labour), and can be paired with Canada's national tax credit programs. The tax credit is a choice between either:

Cost of Salaries Tax Credit – Up to 65%

– OR –

Cost of Production Tax Credit – 30%

The most competitive spend-based tax credit in Canada provides production companies with a 30% fully refundable rebate on eligible production costs including labour.

MAXIMIZE YOUR TAX ↔ CREDIT

BY CHOOSING TO WORK WITH A MANITOBA COMPANY

Manitoba's production industry has 30 years of experience and offers world-class crew, a strong base of actors and over 40 production companies – many with international co-production and service production experience. Manitoba companies work in English, French and several Indigenous languages in every genre with local, national and international partners.

WORK WITH A MANITOBA COMPANY TO:



Access an
extra 5% in tax credits
through the Manitoba Producer Bonus

Add an
additional 10% in tax credits
through the Frequent Filming Bonus

Connect with Manitoba crew, talent and local suppliers to increase your cost of salaries and/or cost of Production tax credits, depending on the option you choose.

Visit onscreemanitoba.com for a complete listing of Manitoba production companies.